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## **Congressman Mitchell Fights for Veteran Education and Employment**

Congressman Harry Mitchell Pledges to Co-Sponsor Legislation that will Expand Vets'Tuition Coverage and Encourage Employers to Hire Vets

NEW YORK- Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, the country's first and largestnon-profit, nonpartisan organization for veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, thanks Congressman Mitchell for pledging to co-sponsor legislation that will improve the Post-9/11 GI Bill and provide incentives for employers to hire vets. If enacted, these bills(HR 5933 and HR 5120) will allow more vets to attend college under the new GI Bill andwill expand the tax credit for employers who hire veterans and improve veteran jobtraining programs.

"Congressman Mitchell has shown strong leadership in Congress onthis important legislation, and IAVA applauds him. The Congressmanis showing thousands of vets in Arizona that he has their backs. Congressman Mitchell's continued dedication to veterans of the warsin Iraq and Afghanistan is crucial to getting America's newest heroesthe benefits they have earned. We look forward to working with Congressman Mitchell and all of Congress to get these bills passedbefore the election break in the fall," said IAVA Founder and Executive Director Paul Rieckhoff.

To arrange an interview with IAVA Executive Director Paul Rieckhoff, DeputyExecutive Director Todd Bowers or a member veteran struggling with GI Bill oremployment challenges, please contact Isabel Black (212) 982-9699 orisabel@iava.org.Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (www.IAVA.org) is the country's first andlargest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization for veterans of the wars in Iraq andAfghanistan and has more than 180,000 veteran members and civilian supportersnationwide.

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